

**BEFORE THE
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF INDIANA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RULE AMENDMENTS GOVERNING)	Administrative Cause
THE HUNTING OF WHITE-TAILED DEER)	Number 11-207D
AND WILD TURKEY)	(LSA Document #12-115(F))

**REPORT ON RULE PROCESSING, CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS,
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FINAL ADOPTION**

1. RULE PROCESSING

For consideration is a proposal to amend rules governing the hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Predominantly, the proposed amendments would involve 312 IAC 9-3-2 and 312 IAC 9-4-11 to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to add an electronic reporting system for checking in harvested white tailed deer and wild turkey. The addition of the electronic reporting system would require certain correlating amendments to be made at 312 IAC 9-3-10. Additional amendments proposed at 312 IAC 9-3-2 include allowing three antlerless deer to be taken with the deer license bundle and amendments related to carrying a handgun while hunting white-tailed deer. At 312 IAC 9-4-11, certain additional amendments, including a one day extension of the wild turkey season and amendments relating to the calling of wild turkeys are proposed.

The Natural Resources Commission (*NRC*) granted preliminary adoption of this rule amendment proposal on January 10, 2012.

The “Notice of Intent” to adopt the proposed rule amendment was posted to the INDIANA REGISTER database website as 20120314- IR-312120115NIA on March 14, 2012. The notice identified Linnea Petercheff, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, as the “small business regulatory coordinator” for purposes of Indiana Code § 4-22-2-28.1.

The Commission caused the information required by I.C. 4-22-2-22.5 to be included within the rulemaking docket maintained on its Internet website.

As specified by Executive Order, fiscal analyses of the rule proposal were submitted, along with a copy of the proposed rule language and a copy of the posted Notice of Intent, to the Office of Management and Budget on March 15, 2012. In a letter dated July 26, 2012, Adam. M. Horst, Director, Office of Management and Budget, recommended that the proposed rule amendments be approved.

A copy of the economic impact analysis for small business was submitted to the Indiana Economic Development Commission (the "IEDC") on August 9, 2012. Eric P. Shields, Policy Director for the IEDC, reviewed the analysis and reported favorably to the Commission by an email letter dated September 21, 2012. Later on the same day, the Commission's Division of Hearings, by email, thanked the IEDC. The response stated in part: "Since you have commented favorably upon the agency's fiscal analysis, and have suggested no alternatives, it will recommend that the Natural Resources Commission move forward with consideration for final adoption." The IEDC's comments were posted to the Commission's Website on September 21, 2012 at <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>, and were also made available at the public hearing.

The NRC Division of Hearings submitted the rule proposal to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) along with the "Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Business" (also known as the "Economic Impact Statement") on August 9, 2012. The Notice of Public Hearing was also submitted to LSA on August 9, 2012. The Notice of Public Hearing, along with the Economic Impact Statement and the text of the proposed rule was posted to the INDIANA REGISTER database website on August 22, 2012 as 20120822-IR-312120115PRA. Following receipt of an "Authorization to Proceed" from LSA on August 9, 2012, the NRC Division of Hearings also caused a Notice of Public Hearing to be published by the Indianapolis Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County, Indiana, on August 24, 2012. In addition, notice of the public hearing and a summary of the proposed rule changes were published on the NRC's web-based electronic calendar.

2. REPORT OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

a) Public Hearing Comments

A public hearing was conducted as scheduled on October 4, 2012 at the Plainfield Indiana Public Library. Jennifer Kane acted on behalf of Sandra Jensen, the assigned hearing officer. Linnea Petercheff, Mitch Marcus and Mark Reiter participated on behalf of the Department's Division of Fish and Wildlife. Lt. Col. Steve Hunter was also present on behalf of the Department's Division of Law Enforcement. Two members of the public attended the public hearing. A summary of the verbal comments received at the public hearing have been attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

b) Comments Received Outside Public Hearing

An opportunity was provided for the public to submit written comments from approximately January 2012 until October 4, 2012. The written comments received have been attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B.

c) Response by the Department of Natural Resources

The Department offered a written response to the public comments on October 22, 2012. A copy of the Department's response is attached as Exhibit B, which is incorporated by reference.

3. ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

The overwhelming majority of comments offered by the public related to the proposal to establish an electronic check in system for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Far and away, the greatest number of individuals favor the creation of this system citing convenience and economic factors as the predominant reason for their desire to have this type of system available. Certain individuals offered the opinion that the increased convenience will actually lead to increased reporting. Many others indicated that the ability to more rapidly accomplish check in of a harvested animal will allow for processing to begin more expediently leading to less spoilage of deer taken during periods of warmer temperatures. Despite the overwhelming support, a significantly smaller number of individuals expressed opposition to the establishment of an

electronic check in system expressing the belief that check ins will be false or will not occur leading to an increase in poaching. Furthermore, some of these individuals expressed concern that the Department's harvest data will be skewed by the false reports or lack of reporting and that the opportunity for information sharing at check in stations, whether involving conservation officers' investigations of poaching activities or diseases within the deer population, will be eliminated.

A small but significant number of individuals sought to have the electronic check in system include checking in harvested animals by telephone indicating that almost everyone has and uses a telephone whereas many people do not have a computer or internet service. With respect to these comments it is offered that the rule amendments, as proposed, allow for an *electronic* check in system, which would allow the implementation of a telephone based system as well as an internet based system.

There were a few comments received that expressed concern about the carrying of handguns while hunting and that offered support for allowing three antlerless deer to be harvested under the deer license bundle. The proposed amendment relating to the carrying of handguns is offered in order to maintain consistency with the Indiana Code. There were also comments received relating to the one-buck rule and other matters that are not addressed in and are beyond the scope of this rule amendment proposal.

It is recommended that the rule amendments, as proposed, and as have been attached and incorporated by reference at Exhibit D, be granted final adoption.

Dated: October 24, 2012

Sandra L. Jensen
Hearing Officer

EXHIBIT A

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SUMMARY

William Mayer, Danville, IN

Mayer stated that he would be in favor of the electronic check in system if everyone was honest. However, he expressed the opinion that by eliminating the need to bring an animal in to a check in station will result in the taking of animals with weapons different than what is reported. He stated his belief that the State will lose money and that sufficient poaching already occurs without this type of system.

Mayer also offered a comment about the use of crossbows and the need to require the wearing of hunter orange when crossbows are being used. The present rule proposal does not address the use of crossbows so this comment is beyond the scope of this rule amendment proposal.

Brian Pace, Mooresville, IN

Pace offered personal support for the electronic check in system. He added that he and other people he know have had to drive to check in stations only to discover they are closed temporarily with signs advising “we’ll be back in an hour”. Pace observed that with or without the electronic check in “you’re gonna have people hiding deer in their barns and not checking them in regardless” adding his opinion that the electronic check in system may result in additional licenses being sold.

Pace added a comment that he did not agree with the requirement to take an antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer during the urban deer season. He expressed the opinion that people should be encouraged to take the first deer that comes by if the goal is population reduction. Again the present rule proposal does not involve the requirements associated with the urban deer season so this comment is outside the scope of this rule amendment proposal.

EXHIBIT B

<p>Commenter Name Bret T. Walters City Warsaw County 43 State IN E-Mail Address bwalters@embarqmail.com Comments I would like to see the addition of a phone check-in system. This would be a beneficial addition to the hunting regulations</p> <p>Thanks.</p> <p>Bret T. Walters Comment Received 2/2/2012 5:47:06 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name William C. Herring City Martinsville County 55 State IN E-Mail Address elk7x57@comcast.net Comments The rule given preliminary adoption January 10, 2012 states that an individual must not:</p> <p>"(3) Hunt wild turkeys in the fall season that takes place during the deer muzzleloader season as established in 312 IAC 9-3-4(f) unless that individual wears hunter orange."</p> <p>I believe this sentence needs to be changed to ADD that a hunter must not hunt wild turkeys during the special antlerless deer season from December 26 through the first Sunday in January as established in 312 IAC 9-3-4(h) unless that individual wears hunter orange. [To be consistent with safety concerns, it is noted that firearms will also be used to hunt antlerless deer during that time period in a substantial number of designated counties.]</p> <p>Comment Received 2/3/2012 6:45:29 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Kevin Van Arsdale City Plainfield County 32 State IN Organization (optional) Self-Outdoorsman E-Mail Address vanarsdale-kevin@aramark.com Comments Telecheck !!!!</p> <p>YES, about time INDIANA!!! I have been using it in Missouri for many years and it works great!!!</p> <p>Love it!!!!</p> <p>Thank you, Kevin Van Arsdale Comment Received 2/18/2012 11:41:34 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Donald Elpers City Evansville County 82 State IN Organization (optional) KDG, Inc. E-Mail Address donaldelpers@att.net Comments Telecheck is an excellent idea for those of us who process our own deer, of which I do not yet. I would think it would make it more reasonable to believe telecheck would make self processors more likely to check deer and not report a kill, not saying they would ever do that thou.</p> <p>Comment Received 2/18/2012 6:06:08 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Tim Foltz City Roann County 52 State IN E-Mail Address just1874@hotmail.com Comments I would very much like an open dicussion on the one buck rule.</p> <p>Comment Received 2/19/2012 4:54:07 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Jonathan Lewis City Burlington County 8 State IN E-Mail Address jonathan.lewis@delphi.com Comments I've been waiting for Tele-Check for a long time. I'm a weekend deer hunter, and I butcher my own deer. Occasionally, we'll harvest a deer on a Saturday evening, and not be able to check it in untill Monday morning. My preference is to immediately hang and skin the carcass and process the meat. But instead I have to wait almost TWO days, till after it's checked! ARRGGH!</p> <p>Comment Received 2/20/2012 5:41:12 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Bob Houseworth Jr. City Martinsville County 55 State IN</p>

<p>E-Mail Address bobh@sciremc.com Comments A big yes for "Tele-Check". It saves a lot of time, trouble, & gas getting a deer checked in! Comment Received 2/20/2012 7:25:33 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Troy Bell City JASONVILLE County 28 State IN E-Mail Address hoosierredneck@gmail.com Comments I believe that "tele check" is a great idea for our state. This would solve many problems I've come across over the years; finding a check station(or at least one that's open!), the price of gas to get there, and the damage done to the meat with warm weather involved. I believe this will also save the state money in the long run that could be better used in other areas. Comment Received 3/6/2012 9:20:46 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Tell Howson City merom County 77 State IN E-Mail Address thowson1@ivytech.edu Comments I am in favor of this rule. I am in a job field that works 24 hr shifts and makes it difficult to check in deer or turkey from an evening hunt when i have to work the next day. I live 20 minutes from the closest check point station that closes before the sunset. Being able to call in to check in game would be a huge benefit. Comment Received 4/2/2012 11:02:46 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Melissa Jones City elkhart County 20 State IN E-Mail Address mjones@gmail.com Comments I think this is a great idea. Comment Received 4/2/2012 12:23:21 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Melissa Jones City elkhart County 20 State IN E-Mail Address mjones@gmail.com Comments I like this rule. Comment Received 4/2/2012 12:25:23 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Melissa Jones City elkhart County 20 State IN E-Mail Address mjones@gmail.com Comments I like this rule. Comment Received 4/2/2012 12:26:40 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name George Pate City Valparaiso County 64 State IN E-Mail Address pate@ipact.com Comments I support the proposed tele-check system for deer. In Southern Porter county we currently do not have any deer check stations. We have to drive to the Northern half of the county to check our deer. With gas prices on the rise, this rule would be very helpful. Comment Received 4/3/2012 7:47:29 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Dwight Scifres City Montezuma County 61 State IN E-Mail Address dascife@sbcglobal.net Comments I am in favor of an electronic method of checking in deer killed. The old method is outdated and flawed, an electronic method will make it easier for hunters to comply with check in regulations. I also think being able to harvest 3 antlerless deer with a license bundle makes alot of sense. It will reduce the financial burden on those of us who count on the deer as part of our yearly meat supply. Comment Received 4/3/2012 8:03:25 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name James W. Downhour II City Kokomo County 34 State IN E-Mail Address jimd46902@comcast.net Comments I support this new rule. Comment Received 4/3/2012 8:11:06 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Robert I mcCord City Bennington County 58 State IN Organization (optional) n/a E-Mail Address rmccord1984@gmail.com Comments Telecheck is a good idea kentucky has had it for years an has provin no increase in poching and when hunting at home you won't have load up does n drive miles to check them in. Now the gas prices are high it would save residents time and money.</p>

<p>Comment Received 4/3/2012 8:23:00 AM</p> <p>Commenter Name Stuart Grell City Attica County 23 State IN E-Mail Address oneturkeyhunter@yahoo.com Comments I have hunted in Missouri where they have the electronic check for wild turkeys and it seems to work quite well as far as I know. This system is a welcome change. It will save countless hours of travel time to check stations and many gallons of fuel. And I'm not worried about cheaters. They can be caught and usually are. Comment Received 4/3/2012 8:58:33 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Thomas Wadsworth City Rensselaer County 37 State IN E-Mail Address gonefishin584@yahoo.com Comments If we get rid of the physical check in of deer you might as well never reveal harvest #'s ever again because they will not accurately tell the truth. You will have guys kill bucks and never check them in. Does also. Our harvest #'s will always be skewed from the day you put this rule into law. NO TELECHECK Comment Received 4/3/2012 9:07:26 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Warner W Freese City Covington County 23 State IN Organization (optional) Mill Creek Farm E-Mail Address houselions@att.net Comments Congratulations!!! Implementing Telecheck for both deer and turkey will greatly reduce the hunters inconvenience and will provide the DNR with real time data and reduce operating costs. Comment Received 4/3/2012 9:07:38 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Michael Wildman City Thorntown County 6 State IN E-Mail Address mike.wildman@domtar.com Comments I support this rule in it's entirety. The portion of including three antlerless deer to the bundle is the most interesting. Comment Received 4/3/2012 9:12:44 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Tim Kissell City Versailles County 69 State IN E-Mail Address tkissell@seidata.com Comments Please make this option of electronically registering your legally harvested deer a reality. . Comment Received 4/3/2012 9:14:29 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name arthur cleary City palmyra County 88 State IN E-Mail Address arthurcleary76@yahoo.com Comments i think this would be a better way than having to haul your deer to a ck station. i hunt 1 mile from where i live and when i harvest a deer i have to take it 7 miles one way to the ck station. when the wheather is warm you take a chance on your deer spoiling if you dont put ice inside the carcuss. Comment Received 4/3/2012 9:16:35 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name James R Whaley City Vincennes County 42 State IN E-Mail Address whaleyisp@yahoo.com Comments Absolutely these should be passed and allowed. Law abiding citizens are exactly that. This will not encourage anyone who wouldn't already poach to poach. Comment Received 4/3/2012 9:31:59 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Rory M. Clark City Boonville County 87 State IN E-Mail Address markwannab@insightbb.com Comments I highly reccomend a deer and turkey telecheck system be implemented for Indiana hunters.The current checking system is very inconvenient and most of the time the check stations arent open when you need to check in your deer.therefore you have to let your deer spoil until you can legally check it in. Comment Received 4/3/2012 10:38:45 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name kurt barhydt City south bend County 71 State IN E-Mail Address klbarhydt@sbcglobal.net Comments i'm in favor of this rule change EXCEPT the part about allowing handguns to be possessed without a handgun licenses. anyone carrying a handgun during any game hunting season for any type of game needs to posses a handgun licenses or permit period! we don't need a bunch of hunters out there carrying hand guns while they're hunting unless they have a valid carry permit!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>

Comment Received 4/3/2012 11:15:56 AM
Commenter Name James Street City New Albany County 22 State IN E-Mail Address jjas3933@aol.com Comments Telechek is long overdue. It would make checking deer/turkey easier and the state could collect data faster. Comment Received 4/3/2012 11:18:23 AM
Commenter Name David A. Makowsky City Clarksville County 10 State IN E-Mail Address d.makowsky@insightbb.com Comments I believe that a person should be allowed to harvest an antlered deer with a firearm and archery equipment like it used to be. Comment Received 4/3/2012 11:30:11 AM
Commenter Name Mark A. Walker City Ft. Wayne County 2 State IN E-Mail Address mawalker56@yahoo.com Comments Keep this rule for another 5 yrs. We have noticed a definite increase in bigger bucks in the last three years. Comment Received 4/3/2012 12:58:38 PM
Commenter Name John S Roy City North Judson County 75 State IN E-Mail Address sroy@mail.valpo.k12.in.us Comments Electronic checkin , That is a excellent idea. I have suggested that for long time. Will save time ,money and may get more people to check in deer. Comment Received 4/3/2012 1:32:23 PM
Commenter Name Thomas D Ketchem City Rensselaer County 37 State IN E-Mail Address ketchems@midwaynet.net Comments Yes I would like to see the Tele reporting system put in place. Missouri has it and brother says its great and saves gas and money. Comment Received 4/3/2012 2:17:22 PM
Commenter Name Michael Wheeling City Lafayette County 79 State IN E-Mail Address whunts0407@yahoo.com Comments Electronic check-in will increase poaching unless the license has some guidelines. Example..Shoot an extra deer, go home buy a license and then do the electronic check in? As a CCW permit holder not requiring them to have a permit is a little scary. Comment Received 4/3/2012 2:28:41 PM
Commenter Name Larry Ellis City Evansville County 82 State IN E-Mail Address lp87@msn.com Comments I think it's a great idea. Please consider allowing hunters to use cell phones or other electronic devices to report deer and turkey harvest. Thanks Larry Ellis Comment Received 4/3/2012 2:50:26 PM
Commenter Name jason towler City connersville County 21 State IN E-Mail Address www.bowhunter@bridgemail.com Comments I love the idea of having a tele check.It would be great in warm weather to be able to call and check your animal in and not have to worry about finding a place open to check it in.This would help greatly for early deer season evening hunts and evening turkey hunts.There have been times that because of check in stations being closed and warm weather that I have had to pack animals down with ice and wait until the next day to check them in and then butcher them. Comment Received 4/3/2012 4:30:01 PM
Commenter Name Randy City morristown County 30 State IN E-Mail Address randy@girlsarchery.com Comments this would be a good rule for convenience to the hunter Comment Received 4/3/2012 5:34:43 PM
Commenter Name Emil Horvath City La Porte County 46 State IN E-Mail Address bems@csinet.net Comments I don't think there is any reason for a person to carry a handgun in the field. I believe it will only cause harm to somebody if there is a conflict over hunting property or something associated with hunting in general.

<p>Comment Received 4/3/2012 5:51:05 PM</p> <p>Commenter Name william E Doan City Richmond County 89 State IN Organization (optional) none E-Mail Address matthewsman2771@gmail.com Comments I am an avid bow hunter and many times wished we had this rule so deer could be put on ice on warm days especially in evening hunts after work. Comment Received 4/3/2012 6:06:59 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Jeff Jones City Lafayette County 79 State IN Organization (optional) self E-Mail Address jacks46@aol.com Comments Would like the 3 deer bundle. Comment Received 4/3/2012 6:15:03 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Steven C Bauer City Monterey County 66 State IN E-Mail Address steves98wing@yahoo.com Comments I think its about time to be changing to an electronic checking system. I hate to think about all the time and gas I have wasted over the years driving around the state to check stations. With \$4.00 gas I've had about enough. Comment Received 4/3/2012 7:41:46 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name JEFFERY PAUL HAMPSON City CEDAR GROVE County 24 State IN E-Mail Address jeffhampson10@yahoo.com Comments I would love to see Indiana go to a telecheck in like Ohio and Kentucky have adopted. With 5 dollar fuel prices saves low income hunters much needed money. Comment Received 4/4/2012 2:54:32 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Robert Nasiatka City Portage County 64 State IN E-Mail Address minteqcalcium@msn.com Comments I think allowing the harvest of antlerless deer with the combo license is a great idea. Having bought all of my tags at one time before I have had them gone unfilled. This issue will happen again with the one buck rule as you can only take a buck with a regular firearms tag. As such if you fill your buck during archery the fire arms tag is then wasted. Comment Received 4/4/2012 3:04:32 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Joseph E. Hamm City Ellettsville County 53 State IN E-Mail Address jhamm@bluemarble.net Comments I support an "electronic reporting system" for checking in deer and turkey. Thank you, Joe Hamm Comment Received 4/4/2012 3:45:21 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name chris cobb City depauw County 31 State IN E-Mail Address ccobb.cc1@gmail.com Comments I am in favor of the proposed rule pertaining to the online check in for deer and turkey. This would put Indiana in line with other states that have this process. I think this would eliminate some from running around in hot weather trying to find a deer checkin station. They could just pick up there cell phone and make the call. I would also think there should be a harvest log a hunter must keep with them. I am very excited to see this proposed rule!!! Thank you! Comment Received 4/4/2012 7:06:01 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Norman L Chastain Jr City Grandview County 74 State IN Organization (optional) Hunters World Taxidermy E-Mail Address nctccjs@yahoo.com Comments Good idea, while you are at it reduce prices by \$5 per deer tag Comment Received 4/4/2012 7:22:27 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Rick Frame City Liberty County 81 State IN E-Mail Address framesoutdoor@aol.com Comments I am 100% against call checking in turkey or deer. My best friend is a resident of Kentucky, and as you already know, Kentucky utilizes a similar checking system. He complains that very few people call their deer in. They take the deer</p>

to their shed cut it up and never call. If we call check-in we are opening the door for unlawful hunting and giving all the power to the poachers. Our DNR has worked to hard not to force people to present their deer for a check. Regardless of what other states have done this is pure carelessness.

Comment Received 4/4/2012 10:46:05 AM

Commenter Name Timothy G. Coy

City Trafalgar **County** 41 **State** IN

E-Mail Address tcoy271@yahoo.com

Comments I believe any hand gun carried by an individual should require a hand gun permit issued by the state of Indiana or from the state the individual is from. I am a police officer and an individual in a public place of highway must have a gun permit to carry a hand gun. I do not believe that an exception to this State Law should be made! The safety for Conservation Officers, all Police Officers or a civilian is too important to allow a possible convicted criminal a chance to get away with carrying a hand gun!

I do not like the electronic check in, I believe that there is too big of a chance for a person to decieve the state of Indiana and more of a chance to break more than one State Law!

Comment Received 4/4/2012 12:19:38 PM

Commenter Name Robert Scott Wilson

City Mt. Vernon **County** 65 **State** IN

E-Mail Address wilson_family@insightbb.com

Comments Yes I strongly agree with the electronic checking system for deer and turkey. Especially when gas is approaching 5 dollars a gallon. I hunt in the southern 1/3 of Posey County and if Hovey Lake is not open, which they are not after opening weekend of gun season(deer) and if the check station in Mt. Vernon is not open then I have to drive 42-45 miles round trip to check in a deer or turkey, that really takes up time and is not very practical at all for anyone to have to do.

Comment Received 4/4/2012 12:44:10 PM

Commenter Name Charles Paddock

City Covington **County** 23 **State** IN

E-Mail Address chuckp@ceresbarge.com

Comments I am 100% in favor of this rule!!!!

Comment Received 4/4/2012 3:59:41 PM

Commenter Name GARY L WHITE

City CHARLESTOWN **County** 10 **State** IN

E-Mail Address GANDKWHITE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Comments I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ELECTRONIC CALL IN METHOD APPROVED FOR HARVESTED GAME

Comment Received 4/4/2012 4:02:55 PM

Commenter Name Dwayne Boggs

City Wabash **County** Out of State **State** IN

E-Mail Address blessed@outdrs.net

Comments I love tele check...this is great for most evening hunts are done and no one is open that late to check in deer..I vote YES for TELE CK

Hunting without a handgun permit...no..I had to buy a lifetime permit...so they need to. I don't like gun control...but getting a permit is responsible..

Comment Received 4/5/2012 12:43:06 AM

Commenter Name Tyler Frame

City Liberty **County** 81 **State** IN

E-Mail Address tlframe@gmail.com

Comments I strongly disagree with the call check-in system. I have lived in Iowa for 3 years. I attended college there before moving back to Indiana. While I was there i participated in deer hunting public land. Iowa has implemented a call check-in system. I would have to say that it is failing miserably. I have personally witnessed people not calling in, butchering a deer, and killing another. Our deer herd is one of the most healthy of the Midwest for a reason. There is a "convenience" that comes with a call-in system, a convenience to both lawful and unlawful hunters. Our deer herd does not need convenience. It would also be convenient for the state to cut our deer biologist position to save tax money. This is also a convenience our deer herd does not need. Our deer biologist has done a terrific job doing whats best for the deer and I suggest he uses the same thinking when deciding on a call-in system.

Comment Received 4/5/2012 5:33:40 AM

Commenter Name Thomas C. Russell

City Fort Wayne **County** 2 **State** IN

Organization (optional) none

E-Mail Address thomas.c.russell@ampf.com

Comments I agree with this proposal.

Comment Received 4/5/2012 12:58:13 PM

<p>Commenter Name Wesley Frame City Lynn County 68 State IN E-Mail Address wmframe@marian.edu Comments My comment on part of this issue is that the electronic reporting system for harvested whitetail deer will potentially lead to more illegal harvesting of this species. This is something that I completely disagree with and I'm sure the state of Indiana shares a similar concern. I fear that the electronic reporting system will allow unlawful hunters to commit more of these unethical acts. They will be given an opportunity to harvest more deer for their friends and family by buying an online tag under their relative's name and then harvesting additional deer and reporting them via this electronic reporting system with no chance of being caught. Also, how do we know for sure the sex of the animal with the use of this system? What keeps a hunter from harvesting multiple bucks and reporting them as females? These are just a few of the many examples and questions that may occur with the use of this electronic reporting system. I personally am not in favor. Comment Received 4/5/2012 1:02:17 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name jeffrey l asdell City vincennes County 42 State IN E-Mail Address asdell@frontier.com Comments I am in favor of a self check in system. Comment Received 4/6/2012 6:32:14 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name George Kallas City Gary County 45 State IN E-Mail Address geokall1@comcast.net Comments This should be allowed. The current system makes Sunday evening hunting impossible due to the lack of locations open or manned, including Fish and Game areas, to check the animal in. Either most people have to work the next day or the weather would require immediate processing, therefore hunting is stopped in the morning. Comment Received 4/6/2012 5:23:29 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Ben Morrow City Pekin County 88 State IN Organization (optional) resident E-Mail Address abmorrow30@mymail.coop Comments I support the call in check in system. We have needed this for a long time. Now we dont have to worry about getting a deer or turkey to a check in station and them not being open or if it was hot outside getting the meat cooled off. Comment Received 4/6/2012 6:42:42 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Richard Becraft City Mitchell County 47 State IN E-Mail Address BRWBecraft@aol.com Comments I oppose implementation of tele check. People spend thousands of dollars and weeks away from home deer and turkey hunting, missing work, traveling hundreds of miles. I doubt you can purposely find a spot in the entire state more than 20 miles from a check station. It's worth it to provide accurate information on the resource to the people managing it. Comment Received 4/7/2012 7:24:02 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Darrell Stilger City Crandall County 31 State IN E-Mail Address darrellstilger@frontier.com Comments The Telecheck would make it easy for people to report deer kills and I think you would get better reporting on deer kills. I am all for it . Darrell Stilger Crandall, Indiana Comment Received 4/8/2012 9:25:09 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Richard Sayer City West Lafayette County 79 State IN E-Mail Address sayer@purdue.edu Comments The online option would be very helpful, but a true "telecheck" system would also have a phone number option. The phone-in system used in Nebraska is very convenient and easy to use. It is especially helpful there as my father does not have internet access at his house. Comment Received 4/15/2012 5:45:50 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name joseph weber City indianapolis County 49 State IN E-Mail Address joemweb@gmail.com Comments i agree with proposed rule on telecheck</p>

<p>Comment Received 4/15/2012 7:13:34 AM</p> <p>Commenter Name Shawn P. Upchurch City Princeton County 26 State IN E-Mail Address shawncathy.upchurch@gmail.com Comments Telecheck is a great idea. KY has had this system for a number of years and it works great. Comment Received 4/16/2012 9:49:32 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Wayde R. Sturgeon City English County 13 State IN E-Mail Address champ184@netsurfusa.net Comments My concern is that many deer will be taken without being called in. The state of Illinois started a tele-check 2 years ago and the trophy deer population has dropped by 75 % Thanks Wayde Comment Received 4/21/2012 8:34:00 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Bill Fulcher City Bloomington County 53 State IN Organization (optional) none E-Mail Address bill-fulcher@hotmail.com Comments After much consideration I must say that the one buck rule should stand,with one possible exception. Could it be that youth hunters may take two bucks in the same year. I am very aware of the loss of hunters due to "aging out" and the shortage of youth hunters to replace them. I am sure hunters play important and varied roles in the preservation and control of Indiana wildlife. Possibly giving youth hunters the "extra" buck to keep them motivated and involved will help in recruitment of them into this healthy and rewarding outdoor activity. Thank you for all you are doing at the DNR. I have been active in the outdoors for almost 50 years. The last 10 or so years I have seen a great improvement in the DNR and am thankful for it. Comment Received 4/22/2012 5:21:53 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name jason stanley City corydon County 31 State IN E-Mail Address devious169@yahoo.com Comments I really like the idea of calling in a taken deer or turkey, especially in this economy , due to raising fuel prices. wise choice on the DNR's behalf THANK YOU! Comment Received 4/22/2012 3:07:26 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Robert Dohoney City Rockport County 74 State IN E-Mail Address rotfd918@yahoo.com Comments I like this idea and support it fully. I think that it would benefit alot of people who has to drive several miles to check in their deer. Comment Received 4/23/2012 7:18:23 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Fred Dorman City Bloomington County 53 State IN E-Mail Address wfdorman@yahoo.com Comments I think it is a good idea to be able to use your computer to tag your deer, or turkey. It would also be a good idea to be able to use your regular telephone, or your cell phone. some people do not have a computer, and the ones that do they dont allways work when we want them to. Fred Comment Received 5/2/2012 4:40:57 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Michael D Arnold City Bloomington County 53 State IN E-Mail Address gmorse@bluemarble.net Comments I think we should have the 2 buck rule Back, People who shoot small bucks and dont try to let them get big will always do so.I like to bow hunt and gun hunt,and would like to take a buck in Archery too. Comment Received 5/2/2012 6:28:20 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name John krampe City Evansville County 82 State IN E-Mail Address Krampj@insightbb.com Comments Hunting deer for over 30 years, i have seen the quality of bucks in indiana improve very quickly. This allows improved hunts for all buck hunters and better control of antler less populations. Continue one buck rule? Comment Received 5/10/2012 3:05:39 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Ryan Altman City Brookston County 91 State IN E-Mail Address raltman@lafayette.in.gov</p>

Comments I feel that this is a good way to check in deer and turkeys. Due to my job I can not always reach a check in station and have to have someone due it for me. I feel that those who are responsible will check in their game. Those who would not, are not going to regardless what type of check in procedure we institute.

Comment Received 5/14/2012 5:07:52 PM

Commenter Name Adam Viel

City Brookville **County** DEARBORN **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address ajviel@msn.com

Comments I concur with the proposal.

Comment Received 7/9/2012 8:42:46 AM

Commenter Name Larry pierce

City CARMEL **County** HAMILTON **State** INDIANA

Organization (optional) CROSSBOW NATION

E-Mail Address BOHUNTZ@AOL.COM

Comments THE TELECHECK,BEING ABLE TO PHONE OR GOING ON THE INTERNET TO CHECK IN A DEER OR TURKEY IS A GREAT IDEA.

I MUST TRAVEL MANY MILES TO CHECK IN MY DEER,AND SOME TIMES THE CHECK STATION IS CLOSED. I THINK YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION.

THANK YOU

Comment Received 7/13/2012 7:57:17 PM

Commenter Name LISA PIERCE

City CARMEL **County** HAMILTON **State** INDIANA

E-Mail Address LMCP11@AOL.COM

Comments I think the Telecheck proposal is a fantastic idea! No more driving to a check-in station to find that they are closed. No more worrying about the deer spoiling in the heat. And the list goes on . . .

Comment Received 7/14/2012 5:01:21 PM

Commenter Name Calvin Hunt

City Kokomo **County** HOWARD **State** IN

Organization (optional) Wildcat creek Deerhunters

E-Mail Address Rothhar1@aol.com

Comments I love this .the fact that killing a der midweek leads to spoiled meat and lost time at work because all the check stations are closed after the evening hunt has saved countless deers lives .Frankly the killing of a 100# doe does not warrant me missing work in any way so they get a pass sunday evening through thursday evening and have for yearswith me.

Now all we will need do is electronicly check it in thats great I appriciate that alot !Now i se myself killing and quartering up a doe anytime with just a phone call or enteringing it on the computer ,Its about time IN. caught up with much of th erest of the world

Comment Received 7/17/2012 2:00:00 PM

Commenter Name Adam Viel

City Brookville **County** DEARBORN **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address ajviel@msn.com

Comments I concurr with Telecheck as our hunting season temperatures are usually mild, this will enable hunters without access to a cooler can call in and immediately start processing to avoid spoilage.

Comment Received 7/23/2012 7:06:38 AM

Commenter Name Todd Martin

City Claypool **County** KOSCIUSKO **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address toddmartin86@hotmail.com

Comments I am very happy to see the state pursue an electronic check-in for deer and turkey. I believe this will allow hunters to legallay check the animal in and properley take care of the processing before waiting until you can find a vendor that is open. This is especially important during hot conditions. Also, this will reduce the the number of people having to take-off or miss work because they have to wait until they can transport the animal to a vendor to obtain a legal transportation tag. I strongly support this change.

Comment Received 8/15/2012 5:05:30 AM

Commenter Name Scott Gibson

City Indianapolis **County** MARION **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address utlsag@cgcuc.com

Comments My personal opinion is that poaching (deer not getting checked in) will increase tremendously. These guys will kill smaller bucks and put a paper tag on it and drive it home. They will process the deer and freeze it and keep thier buck tag for a big buck later in the season. Yes, this is illegal but it will happen at an alarming rate in my opinion. Good luck guys - I dont envy your jobs. Keep up the good work.

Comment Received 8/30/2012 10:57:14 AM

<p>Commenter Name Lane Judd City Anderson County MADISON State IN E-Mail Address lanejudd@live.com Comments I would like to see the electronically check in on deer and turkey stay. It was so much easier to check in on my phone when I was out away from anywhere close to go and check in my turkey this spring. Saving me gas and time to have to do so was very nice for once! I think this may actually help get more people to lawfully check in there game instead of just saying I don't time. You have a phone, you have time, and it's easy! This will help in the DNR's efforts in keeping track of what's harvested much easier than ever before. You are heading in the right direction! Thanks! Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:06:20 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Anatoly Petrov City Indianapolis County MARION State Indiana E-Mail Address anatoliyindi@yahoo.com Comments I fully support check-in deer and wild turkeys electronically. Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:09:44 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Joseph Pearce City Indianapolis County MARION State Indiana E-Mail Address josephpearce@sbcglobal.net Comments I love the idea of being able to electronically check in the deer. Especially with the new smart phones and tablets. The ability to use a smart phone to load the web page and check in the deer is a wonderful time saver. Thanks, Joseph Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:13:25 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Kevin Nance City Corydon County HARRISON State Indiana E-Mail Address kwnance@stvincent.org Comments I am a very strong supporter of the electronic check-in system for deer and turkeys. This can allow us to more easily "check in" our deer and get them skinned and on ice quickly when the temperatures are high. Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:14:40 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name KENNETH MARSHALL City WESTPORT County DECATUR State IN E-Mail Address kenny.marshall@in.usda.gov Comments This would be a great system to have in place!!! It would save alot of time and resources by not having to load up the deer and haul it 20 miles just to be checked. Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:16:00 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Tom Russell City Fort Wayne County ALLEN State IN E-Mail Address thomas.c.russell@ampf.com Comments I like all parts of this proposal especially the electronic check-in. I used this for the turkey season this year and it works great. Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:16:55 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name John Wahl City Martinsville County MORGAN State Indiana E-Mail Address jwahl@archindy.org Comments I agree 100% with the rule change and think the state should CheckIN permanent. Comment Received 8/30/2012 11:22:55 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Tom Leek City Indianapolis County MARION State IN E-Mail Address tglrca@sbcglobal.net Comments The electronic check-in is brilliant. That saves on gas and time during hunting season especially when some hunters can only hunt on weekends and cannot take time off work to check the deer in. Comment Received 8/30/2012 2:16:57 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Ronald Brock City Elkhart County ELKHART State IN E-Mail Address ronbrock22@gmail.com Comments I support the rule that would allow electronic check-in of deer!!!! Comment Received 8/30/2012 2:24:16 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Brandt Powden City Washington County DAVIESS State Indiana E-Mail Address brandt19@hotmail.com Comments I love the bundle pack-and yes i would like to move the limit to 3 antlerless deer. I have had some experience with this electronic check-in system and it is not a positive system. You are allowing poachers to keep poaching and even</p>

more. It is taking the responsibility from the hunter to physically check the deer in and keep this hunters honest. Illinois has the same system and look at how that state is doing. Their numbers are dropping drastically and will continue to do so. I know poachers will poach but when you do this you will be enabling the hunters to kill deer and not check them in(either leave the deer if they are not happy with it or butcher it theirself and not check it in). I encourage you to rethink this system and keep to what is working. I know computers have changed the way we do alot of things but this shouldnt be one of them. If you want more input just email me and let me know. A happy Indiana hunter! This state is on its way up when it comes to the quality of the deer and turkey and I urge you to keep up the good work. Please listen to the ones who are out there in the field-hunting and fishing-supporting what we love with our dollars and voices. Thank you.

Comment Received 8/30/2012 4:06:49 PM

Commenter Name Rick Seipert

City Evansville **County** VANDERBURGH **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address rdsei@aol.com

Comments These rules sound resonable to me keep up the good work

Comment Received 8/30/2012 6:07:48 PM

Commenter Name Steven Bauer

City Monterey **County** PULASKI **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address steves98wing@yahoo.com

Comments I am 100% for the new online check in Thank You.

Comment Received 8/30/2012 6:10:20 PM

Commenter Name Emil Horvath

City La Porte **County** LAPORTE **State** IN

E-Mail Address bems@csinet.net

Comments I cannot see any logical reason for anyone to carry a handgun in the field when hunting. I can only see it causing someone getting hurt or worse over people in a dispute over hunting ground.

Comment Received 8/30/2012 6:18:02 PM

Commenter Name Rory M Clark

City Boonville **County** WARRICK **State** IN

E-Mail Address markwannab@insightbb.com

Comments I strongly agree with keeping the electronic check game system its very convenient. I disagree with allowing anyone to carry a handgun any where any time without a proper handgun permit

Comment Received 8/31/2012 5:52:31 AM

Commenter Name DANIEL FROMME

City JASPER **County** DUBOIS **State** IN

E-Mail Address service@ruxer.com

Comments I like the electronic check in. The reason I quit hunting on Sunday was because it was hard to check in a deer because i have to be at work on Monday at 6:30 am and worked untill 5:30. Also when the weather is warm (hot) it will be nice to check in a deer so we can get it skinned and in a cooler or freezer.

Comment Received 8/31/2012 6:25:11 AM

Commenter Name Dave Patterson

City Lowell **County** LAKE **State** Indiana

E-Mail Address papanbaba@sbcglobal.net

Comments I have been giving extra money when I purchase my license to help with the growing problem of poaching. My concern is that we have just made it easier for those who take deer illegally just so the state can save an extra dollar or two. I am happy to know that I can bundle licenses to save money but I would like to know that my money is going to help stop the problem of poaching not fund it. Thanks to all of those officers who help keep hunting ethical. Don't bow to the pressure of the insurance companies by making it easier for the poacher.

Comment Received 8/31/2012 3:19:02 PM

Commenter Name daniel collins

City salem **County** WASHINGTON **State** indiana

E-Mail Address djcboone@gmail.com

Comments i dont agree with this rule. i believe it will just make it easier for poachers to keep from getting caught. a person can shoot a deer any time during the season with a rifle or any other type of weapon and even under a light. all they have to do is phone it in rite the number down and off they go free and clear. dont do it.

Comment Received 8/31/2012 4:00:20 PM

Commenter Name Alan Erwin

City Mount Vernon **County** POSEY **State** indiana

E-Mail Address alan.erwin@insightbb.com

Comments Yes i agree with rule change. the call in system is the best thing that the state has done in years. i know this has nothing to do with the proposed but the TURKEY SEASON come's in about 2 weeks late.

Comment Received 8/31/2012 4:41:01 PM

<p>Commenter Name jason williams City canneltion County PERRY State in E-Mail Address jwilliams07@psci.net Comments i think that the electronic check in is awsome. it should have been available a long time ago. ky has had that for years and has worked well. it will save alot of time getting a deer from the field to a processor. also it makes it less likly for the deer to spoil in the warm winters we have been having. Thanks jason Comment Received 9/1/2012 2:25:43 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Gary Weinzapfel City Jasper County DUBOIS State IN E-Mail Address gary@ruxer.com Comments I am in favor of permanent approval of the rule package regarding electronic check-in of deer and turkey. Checking game at traditional check-in stations can be very inconvenient, especially when your hunts are completed late in the day. The most convenient check-in stations are often closed and do not reopen until the following day, often when hunters have already returned to work. Comment Received 9/1/2012 9:12:16 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Chester m williams City Chandler County WARRICK State indiana Organization (optional) IWLA Evansville Chapter E-Mail Address cm-will@hotmail.com Comments Best news I've heard on checking deer, phone or computer. I'm a holder of a lifetime license. Thanks Chet Williams Comment Received 9/2/2012 9:15:38 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Randy VanWagner City LaGrange County LAGRANGE State IN E-Mail Address rtvanwag@hotmail.com Comments I think checking in deer and turkey by phone or computer is a good idea, in the early archery season when the weather is too hot to let a deer hang overnite I like to quarter it and put it in my refrigerator. It is difficult or impossible to get to the check station before they close. Comment Received 9/2/2012 1:37:46 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name buster wood City brazil County CLAY State indiana Organization (optional) n/a E-Mail Address flatbushing@aol.com Comments I think the on-line and phone check-in is a great ideal because we like to get the deer cooled out as soon as possible to make it better table fair and sometimes its hard to find a check station open. Also it will help save money on gas and time trying to find one open. Thank you Comment Received 9/2/2012 2:07:59 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Jeff Williams City Carthage County RUSH State IN E-Mail Address safelawnorganics@netscape.com Comments I disagree with an electronic check-in system. I feel this rule change would encourage poachers and dishonest hunters. They could easily lie about the animals sex or how many tags they have filled. Check stations have become a place where information is exchanged, much of that information leads to illegal hunters and poachers being caught and arrested. PLEASE DO NOT ADOPT THIS RULE CHANGE, POACHING IN INDIANA IS BAD ENOUGH,WITHOUT REMOVING ANOTHER ROADBLOCK FOR POACHERS Comment Received 9/3/2012 5:57:19 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Bradley Mullis City Mitchell County LAWRENCE State IN E-Mail Address bradley.mullis@navy.mil Comments I think that the suggested rule changes, in this proposal, can only better the harvesting of wildlife and recording/managing that harvest. 1)By allowing hunters to record their harvest elctronically, we reduce some of the hassle our hunters go through after a hard day in the field/woods. I think most hunters that use technology regularly will appreciate this rule as it takes an "extra trip" off of our list, especially on those late evening kills. 2)Removing the handgun license requirement to comply with state law in IC 35-47 because state law no longer requires an individual to have a handgun license while hunting lawfully is great due to the increase in mountain lion siteings. 3)A provision to allow a person who buys a deer license bundle to also have the option of using it to take three antlerless deer will greatly help manage the deer population. All most all whitetail deer hunters strive for that "monster buck", but the later it gets in the season, the less picky most hunters get. Comment Received 9/4/2012 9:44:28 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Bryan Douglass</p>

<p>City Daleville County DELAWARE State IN E-Mail Address bryanjaydouglass@yahoo.com Comments Appears to be a very good rule. Could this rule hearing have been scheduled before deer season since it may have an impact on many who will be unable to attend the hearing? Because we will be DEER HUNTING! Please start acting as though you really care what the Hunting Citizens of Indiana think rather than giving us lip service. Comment Received 9/4/2012 4:07:36 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name pete kauffman City topeka County LAGRANGE State in E-Mail Address pkauffman@lifestylelr.com Comments I really appreciate this subject being brought up. i think it would be the best thing the state could do. there is a lot of times when it is really hard to check a deer in after hours. the call in would be the way to go. Comment Received 9/5/2012 10:58:50 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Bill Fulcher City Bloomington County MONROE State In Organization (optional) Bill's Taxidermy E-Mail Address bill-fulcher@hotmail.com Comments I truly believe the electronic or computer check-in of deer and turkey is in the best interest of all involved parties. I am deeply involved in this issue and have spoken to many sportsman and they all support this change. Having to take it to a check station wasted a lot of fuel and put a burden on the check stations. So many of the younger hunters have phones that they can check in with. The use of the buck tag for an antlerless deer is also a "no-brainer". It seems to work well for all parties involved. Thank you for these excellent new rules and I must say that I am proud of the DNR for the work they are doing. Comment Received 9/5/2012 5:48:52 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Judy Devening City Columbus County BARTHOLOMEW State IN E-Mail Address jdevening@bartholomewco.com Comments Several states allow turkey and deer check-in by phone (calling in). This would be of great advantage for those without the internet as well as for those that have to drive a long way to find a check station and then hope that it is still open when they get there. Most people have phones but fewer have the internet. Comment Received 9/6/2012 6:14:47 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Joe W. Shultz City Newburgh County WARRICK State IN E-Mail Address jwshultz@aol.com Comments Very good rule change. Lets hunters process their deer without driving 20 miles to check in and take a chance the meet will spoil when you have to wait till the places open at 9 or 10. Dishonest people won't check in illegal deer anyway. This only helps the hunters and saves them gas costs. Comment Received 9/9/2012 8:20:14 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name tom ritter City evansville County VANDERBURGH State in E-Mail Address terhunter@hotmail.com Comments I THINK THIS CHANGE IS GOOD AND I AM ALL FOR IT. I HAVE HAD PROBLEMS IN THE PAST FINDING SOMEONE CLOSE BY THAT WAS OPEN. Comment Received 9/9/2012 4:06:49 PM</p>
<p>Commenter Name NORBERT ROBINSON City SHELBY County LAKE State INDIANA E-Mail Address 3ROBS@NETNITCO.NET Comments I THANK ITS A GREAT IDIA. OTHER STATES HAVE DONE THIS FOR YEARS AND IT HAS WORKED GREAT.THE WEATHER IS TO WORM TO LET YOUR DEER HANG UNTIL YOU CAN GET IT CHECKED IN. IF THE CHECKING STATIONS ARE ALREADY CLOSED .TO MEANY DEERS HAVE SPOILED BECAUSE OF IT.SO PLEASE PASS THE TELECHECK .THANK YOU . Comment Received 9/11/2012 8:06:12 AM</p>
<p>Commenter Name Ken Quakkelaar City Evansville County VANDERBURGH State IN E-Mail Address kmquakk@insightbb.com Comments I am 110% in favor of the new electronic check-in. It is especially beneficial to those of us who hunt private land. We no longer have to make the 1 1/2 hour round trip to the check-in station on late evenings. We can now have our deer processed and be drinking our favorite bevagage in the time it would normally take to go have the deer cheked in. I have attended hearings in the past and always begged for this. Now it is here. Thank you. Make it permanent. Please see below the response written to the Editor of the Evansville Courier & Press about the unfavorable comments made by a sports columnist concerning the regs. in last Sunday's paper. It pretty much sums up my points.</p>

This last Sunday, I noted a sub-heading entitled "deer hunting" in Phil Potter's column, and as an avid deer hunter, I decided to read it. He was commenting on the new check-in system for deer. I came away from the article thinking it was so bad and biased that I needed to respond. It appears that he simply made up his mind to oppose it and then dug real deep to find reasons why it's bad. Let's take it point by point.

First of all he speaks to only the phone check-in and does not even recognize the fact that the new system also allows check-in online, allowing hunters to use smart phones, laptops, tablets, etc. to check in deer on the IDNR site. How did he miss this? It is the best part of the new system and will most likely get more use than the phone.

He then says that most deer check-in stations are also deer processors and taxidermists so it's a one- stop deal. One of the five in Vanderburgh county meet these criteria. So how many hunters take their deer to a processor or taxidermist as opposed to processing their own deer? I don't know and neither does he, but it certainly doesn't create any negativity for the new regulations.

Then comes the ridiculous. It's hard to complete telephone check-ins from the field because "there is no hard, flat surface to write on." This is another obvious lack of understanding of the regulations. It's not required to check the deer in out in the field . The on-line check-in begins when you get the deer back to your truck or pole barn. Gee, you think the hood of a vehicle or a table is a good enough hard, flat surface?

Then another good one. "Some hunters will represent bucks as does." I won't argue this, but just point out that cheaters are cheaters. If they are going to cheat they are already cheating.

Mr. Potter shows further ignorance by suggesting that the 48 hour check-in period is somehow an advantage giving hunters plenty of time to check a deer in. Does he know that you cannot begin processing the deer until it is checked in? How does he expect to keep deer from deteriorating in 65 degree weather for 48 hours ?

His last point about deer biologists using check stations to help monitor deer health and age is also grasping for straws. I cannot confirm this, but it is my understanding that check in stations will still be available for those who want to use them. This will allow the biologists to continue their sampling program.

The new check-in system is long overdue. I applaud the IDNR for implementing it.

I can only hope that in the future Mr. Potter will do a little more research on his subjects and before he attempts to influence others with his biased negative approach.

Comment Received 9/25/2012 10:33:07 AM

Natural Resources Commission,
 Sir, I'm a senior citizen and a lover
 of Hunting and Fishing. I'm 72 years old
 and I don't own a computer. There are a lot
 of the people that live in Indiana that
 don't have a computer. We are used
 to checking our game in at Check In
 stations. We don't have a problem with
 that. We ask you to leave our Check In
 Stations alone and let us keep on hunting
 as we have been.

I thank You
 John Bryant

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EXHIBIT C

DNR Response

Comments were received regarding the new electronic harvest reporting system, and the possibility of a hunter not reporting (checking-in) a deer or turkey because of this new system. First of all, the DNR believes that with the convenience of the on-line reporting at no charge to the hunter, more deer that are taken may be reported. There will be a minimal fee to the hunter to report the deer or turkey by phone, but not to use a smart phone to gain internet access. Hunters will not have to worry about a check station being open (such as on a holiday or late at night), and will not have the added expense of driving to a check station miles away, costing time and money. Hunters have complained about check stations not being open on holidays and late at night when they need to check-in a deer. Using the electronic system will allow a hunter to check-in the deer quickly, which is needed when a deer is harvested in warm weather and processing must be done quickly to prevent meat spoilage. Furthermore, check station operators are not required to see a deer that is checked in or to place the metal tag on the deer themselves. The rule (312 IAC 9-3-2m) requires the person checking-in the deer to tell the truth regarding who took the deer, including the date and sex of the deer that was taken. The DNR would like emphasize that while the assistance of check stations is greatly appreciated in helping to report violations, check station operators do not enforce the rules and should report any violations to DNR conservation officers.

Public comments were also received regarding the ability for a person to carry a handgun while hunting deer or wild turkeys without having to have a handgun license (qualified or unlimited). The Indiana General Assembly has already provided this exemption in state law in IC 35-47-2-1, and the DNR must change this rule to be in compliance with state law. Below is the applicable statute:

IC 35-47-2-1

Carrying a handgun without being licensed; exceptions; person convicted of domestic battery

Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) and about the person's body without being licensed under this chapter to carry a handgun.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person may carry a handgun **without being licensed** under this chapter to carry a handgun if:

(1) the person carries the handgun on or about the person's body in or on property that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by the person; section 2 of this chapter, a person shall not carry a handgun in any vehicle or on or

(2) the person carries the handgun on or about the person's body while lawfully present in or on property that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by another person, if the person:

(A) has the consent of the owner, renter, lessor, or person who legally controls the property to have the handgun on the premises;

(B) is attending a firearms related event on the property, including a gun show, firearms expo, gun owner's club or convention, hunting club, shooting club, or training course; or

(C) is on the property to receive firearms related services, including the repair,

maintenance, or modification of a firearm;

(3) the person carries the handgun in a vehicle that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by the person, if the handgun is:

- (A) unloaded;
- (B) not readily accessible; and
- (C) secured in a case;

(4) the person carries the handgun while lawfully present in a vehicle that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by another person, if the handgun is:

- (A) unloaded;
- (B) not readily accessible; and
- (C) secured in a case; or

(5) the person carries the handgun:

- (A) at a shooting range (as defined in IC 14-22-31.5-3);
- (B) while attending a firearms instructional course; or
- (C) while engaged in a legal hunting activity.**

(c) Unless the person's right to possess a firearm has been restored under IC 35-47-4-7, a person who has been convicted of domestic battery under IC 35-42-2-1.3 may not possess or carry a handgun.

(d) This section may be not construed:

(1) to prohibit a person who owns, leases, rents, or otherwise legally controls private property from regulating or prohibiting the possession of firearms on the private property;

(2) to allow a person to adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, policy, or rule that:

- (A) prohibits; or
- (B) has the effect of prohibiting;

an employee of the person from possessing a firearm or ammunition that is locked in the trunk of the employee's vehicle, kept in the glove compartment of the employee's locked vehicle, or stored out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle, unless the person's adoption or enforcement of the ordinance, resolution, policy, or rule is allowed under IC 34-28-7-2(b); or

(3) to allow a person to adopt or enforce a law, statute, ordinance, resolution, policy, or rule that allows a person to possess or transport a firearm or ammunition if the person is prohibited from possessing or transporting the firearm or ammunition by state or federal law.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.32. Amended by P.L.326-1987, SEC.1; P.L.195-2003, SEC.6; P.L.98-2004, SEC.155; P.L.118-2007, SEC.35; P.L.164-2011, SEC.1; P.L.6-2012, SEC.231.

EXHIBIT D

TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Final Rule

LSA Document #12-115(F)

DIGEST

Amends 312 IAC 9-3-2, which governs general requirements and licenses for hunting deer, to remove the date for the taking of one antlered deer, add an electronic reporting system for checking in harvested deer, allow the possession of a handgun without a handgun license in accordance with IC 35-47, and allow three antlerless deer to be taken with the deer license bundle. Amends 312 IAC 9-3-10 governing commercial processing of deer to specify that an electronic harvest confirmation number may be recorded. Amends 312 IAC 9-4-11 to allow another individual to call for a turkey hunter if properly licensed, add an electronic reporting system for checking in harvested turkeys, extend the fall turkey season for an additional day, and allow the possession of a handgun without a handgun license in accordance with IC 35-47. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

312 IAC 9-3-2; 312 IAC 9-3-10; 312 IAC 9-4-11

SECTION 1. 312 IAC 9-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-3-2 General requirements and licenses for hunting deer

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22; IC 35-47-2

Sec. 2. (a) This section and sections 3 through 10 of this rule govern the:

- (1) hunting;
- (2) transportation; and
- (3) disposal;

of deer.

(b) Species of deer other than white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are exempted from the following:

- (1) This section.
- (2) Sections 3 through 9 of this rule.

An individual who claims the exemption provided under this subsection must prove the deer is other than a white-tailed deer.

(c) The licenses identified in this section are nonexclusive. An individual may apply for one (1) or more of these licenses.

(d) Except as provided under IC 14-22-11-1 and IC 14-22-11-11, an individual must not hunt deer:

- (1) unless the individual possesses a completed and signed license authorized under this section bearing the individual's name; or
- (2) with a deer license issued to another individual.

(e) A youth hunter may take a deer during the youth deer season established in section 4(b) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (B) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(29);
 - (C) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(30);
 - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
 - (E) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (F) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
 - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (I) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (F) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(f) An individual may take a deer with a long bow, a recurve bow, or a compound bow during the archery season established in section 4(c) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer by bow and arrows with:
 - (A) a resident deer archery license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(14);
 - (B) a nonresident deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(17);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
 - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
 - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(g) An individual may take a deer with a crossbow during the archery season established in section 4(c) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(14);
 - (B) a nonresident extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(17);

- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (D) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
- (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
- (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or

(2) hunting without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(h) An individual may take a deer with a firearm during the firearms season established in section 4(e) of this rule only if:

(1) issued a license to hunt deer by firearms with:

- (A) a resident deer firearms license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(12);
- (B) a nonresident deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(15);
- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (D) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(29);
- (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
- (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or

(2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(i) An individual may take a deer with a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season established in section 4(f) of this rule only if:

(1) issued a license to hunt deer by a muzzleloader with:

- (A) a resident deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(13);
- (B) a nonresident deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(16);
- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (D) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(30);
- (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
- (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);

- (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
 - (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (j) An individual may take a deer during the urban deer season established in section 4(d) of this rule only if:
- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (B) a nonresident extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (E) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
 - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4); or
 - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (k) An individual may take a deer during the special antlerless deer season established in section 4(h) of this rule only if:
- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (B) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
 - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
 - (H) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
 - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4); or
 - (J) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.
- (l) An individual may take an antlerless deer in a designated county, by authority of an extra deer bonus antlerless license, only as authorized under section 4(g) and 4(h) of this rule.
- (m) An individual must, immediately upon taking a deer, record on a piece of paper the following:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the deer.
- (2) The license number (if applicable) of the individual who took the deer.
- (3) The sex of the deer.
- (4) The month and day the deer was taken.

The individual that takes the deer must retain possession of the completed piece of paper until the paper is attached to the deer. The piece of paper must be attached to the deer if the individual who takes the deer does not maintain direct physical control of and constant visual contact with the deer carcass.

(n) An individual who takes a deer must cause delivery of the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration in the name of the individual who took the deer **or cause the reporting of the take by providing the information required by the department's electronic harvest reporting system** on the occurrence of the earlier of the following:

- (1) Within forty-eight (48) hours of the taking of the deer.
- (2) Before the deer is removed from this state.

The individual who delivers the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration **or reports the take on the department's electronic harvest reporting system** must provide true and accurate information ~~for the checking station logs, including the name and license number of the individual who took the deer and the date the deer was taken.~~ **that includes the information on the piece of paper described in subsection (m).**

(o) The head of a deer must remain attached to the carcass until the ~~tag is attached and locked at the deer~~ **is registered either at an official checking station or through the department's electronic harvest reporting system.**

(p) ~~After~~ **When a deer is registered:**

(1) At an official deer checking station, the checking station operator ~~records~~ **must record** the permanent seal number on the log, ~~and collects~~ **collect** the piece of paper described in subsection (m), ~~the operator shall~~ **and** give the seal to the individual. The individual must immediately affix the seal:

- ~~(1)~~ **(A)** between a tendon and bone;
- ~~(2)~~ **(B)** through a section of skin or flesh; or
- ~~(3)~~ **(C)** around a branched antler;

to prevent its removal (without cutting the seal or the body part to which it is affixed). The seal must be maintained until processing of the deer begins.

(2) Using the department's electronic harvest reporting system, the individual who took the deer must record the confirmation number on the piece of paper described in subsection (m). This confirmation number must be maintained with the deer until processing of the deer begins.

(q) The checking station operator must do the following:

- (1) Accurately and legibly complete all forms provided by the department.
- (2) Make those forms available to department personnel upon request.

(r) The permanent seal issued by the checking station or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number must be maintained with a deer that is gifted to another individual until processing of the deer begins.

~~(s)~~ (s) An individual must not hunt deer except from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

~~(t)~~ (t) An individual must wear hunter orange:

- (1) in a season set forth in section 4(b), 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule;
- (2) in that portion of the archery season set forth in section 4(c) of this rule that overlaps a season set forth in section 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule; and
- (3) when firearms are authorized under section 8(b) of this rule.

~~(u)~~ (u) A ground blind that is:

- (1) occupied must contain a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of material on each side that is solid hunter orange and is visible from any direction during:
 - (A) a season set forth in section 4(b), 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule; and
 - (B) that portion of the archery season set forth in section 4(c) of this rule that overlaps a season set forth in section 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule;
- (2) left unoccupied on department property must visibly bear the name and address of the owner written in the English language in a conspicuous location on the outside of the blind near the entrance.

~~(v)~~ (v) An individual must not take more than one (1) antlered deer during the special youth, archery, firearm, and muzzleloader seasons authorized in section 4 of this rule from the first day of the special youth deer season of one (1) calendar year through the last day of the archery season in the following calendar year.

~~(w)~~ (w) An individual must not hunt deer with the use or aid of:

- (1) bait, which includes:
 - (A) a food that is transported and placed for consumption, including, but not limited to, piles of corn and apples placed in the field;
 - (B) a prepared solid or liquid that is manufactured and intended for consumption by livestock or wild deer, including, but not limited to, commercial baits and food supplements;
 - (C) salt; or
 - (D) mineral supplements;
- (2) snares;
- (3) dogs; or
- (4) other domesticated animals.

The use of manufactured scents and lures or similar chemical or natural attractants is not prohibited.

~~(x)~~ (x) An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait and the baited soil. Hunting an area, such as an orchard, which may be attractive to deer as the result of normal agricultural activity, is not prohibited.

~~(x)~~ **(y)** Notwithstanding subsection ~~(v)~~, **(w)**, an individual may use dogs only while on a leash to track or trail wounded deer.

~~(y)~~ **(z)** Notwithstanding subsection ~~(v)~~, **(w)**, an individual may use:

- (1) donkeys;
- (2) mules; and
- (3) horses;

for transportation to and from a hunt but not while hunting.

~~(z)~~ **(aa)** An individual must not hunt white-tailed deer possessed under the authority of a game breeder license under 312 IAC 9-10-4.

~~(aa)~~ **(bb)** An individual may possess a handgun in accordance with IC 35-47 while hunting deer. ~~if the individual:~~

- ~~(1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun issued under IC 35-47-2-3;~~
- ~~(2) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun recognized under IC 35-47-2-21(b);~~
- ~~or~~
- ~~(3) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2.~~

~~(bb)~~ **(cc)** "Deer license bundle" means a multiple privilege deer license that allows an individual to take one (1) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer **or three (3) antlerless deer** in the:

- (1) special youth;
- (2) archery;
- (3) firearms;
- (4) muzzleloader; and
- (5) special antlerless only;

seasons combined in one (1) year in accordance with the provisions in this section and sections 3 and 4 of this rule. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-2; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2702; filed Dec 26, 2001, 2:40 p.m.: 25 IR 1528; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 536; filed May 12, 2006, 10:38 a.m.: 29 IR 3344; filed Jun 23, 2006, 2:24 p.m.: 20060719-IR-312050214FRA; errata filed Jul 21, 2006, 1:56 p.m.: 20060802-IR-312050214ACA; filed Jul 10, 2007, 2:09 p.m.: 20070808-IR-312060572FRA; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA; filed Nov 3, 2009, 3:34 p.m.: 20091202-IR-312090044FRA; filed Dec 1, 2011, 4:01 p.m.: 20111228-IR-312110101FRA; errata filed Jan 10, 2012, 1:19 p.m.: 20120125-IR-312120006ACA; filed Jul 9, 2012, 3:00 p.m.: 20120808-IR-312120065FRA*)

SECTION 2. 312 IAC 9-3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-3-10 Commercial processing of deer

Authority: IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 10. (a) A person who receives deer for processing and charges a fee must maintain accurate daily records of the following:

- (1) The dates deer are received and disposed of.
- (2) The name and address of the owner of the deer.
- (3) The state or province from which the deer was taken.
- (4) The official tag and seal number, ~~or~~ certificate of ownership **or game breeder license number, or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number.**

(b) These records shall be retained by the person or persons responsible for preparation or maintenance for at least eighteen (18) months following that preparation and must register with the department ~~annually.~~ **by March 1 of each year.**

(c) A law enforcement officer may enter premises used for deer preparation at all reasonable hours to inspect those premises and the daily records required under subsection (a). *(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-10; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2706; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 539; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA)*

SECTION 3. 312 IAC 9-4-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 9-4-11 Wild turkeys

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22-11; IC 14-22-12; IC 35-47-2

Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), an individual may hunt wild turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) in the spring from the first Wednesday after April 20 and continuing for an additional eighteen (18) consecutive days.

(b) An individual may hunt wild turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) during the fall as follows:

(1) With firearms as follows:

(A) From the first Wednesday after October 14 and continuing for an additional four (4) consecutive days in the following counties only:

- (i) Dekalb.
- (ii) LaGrange.
- (iii) LaPorte.
- (iv) Marshall.
- (v) St. Joseph.
- (vi) Starke.
- (vii) Steuben.

(B) From the first Wednesday after October 14 and continuing for an additional eleven (11) consecutive days in the following counties only:

- (i) Bartholomew.
- (ii) Brown.
- (iii) Clark.
- (iv) Clay
- (v) Crawford.
- (vi) Daviess.
- (vii) Dearborn.
- (viii) Dubois.

(ix) Fayette.
(x) Floyd.
(xi) Fountain.
(xii) Franklin.
(xiii) Gibson.
(xiv) Greene.
(xv) Harrison.
(xvi) Jackson.
(xvii) Jefferson.
(xviii) Jennings.
(xix) Knox.
(xx) Lawrence.
(xxi) Martin.
(xxii) Monroe.
(xxiii) Morgan.
(xxiv) Ohio.
(xxv) Orange.
(xxvi) Owen.
(xxvii) Parke.
(xxviii) Perry.
(xxix) Pike.
(xxx) Posey.
(xxxi) Putnam.
(xxxii) Ripley.
(xxxiii) Scott.
(xxxiv) Spencer.
(xxxv) Sullivan.
(xxxvi) Switzerland.
(xxxvii) Union.
(xxxviii) Vanderburgh.
(xxxix) Vermillion.
(xl) Vigo.
(xli) Warren.
(xlii) Warrick.
(xliii) Washington.

(2) With a bow and arrows from:

(A) October 1 to the end of the fall turkey season with firearms as established in ~~subsection (b)(1)~~; **subdivision (1)(B)**; and

(B) the first Saturday after the closing day of deer firearms season as established in 312 IAC 9-3-4(e) through the first ~~Saturday~~ **Sunday** in January.

(c) The spring and fall seasons for hunting and possessing wild turkeys on Camp Atterbury shall be determined by the director on an annual basis to prevent interference with military training exercises.

(d) An individual may take one (1):

- (1) bearded or male wild turkey during the spring season; and
- (2) wild turkey of either sex during the fall season.

(e) An individual must not do the following:

(1) Hunt wild turkeys except between one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and sunset.

(2) Take a wild turkey except with the use of ~~one~~ **(1) any** of the following:

(A) A shotgun or muzzleloading shotgun:

- (i) not smaller than 20 gauge; and
- (ii) not larger than 10 gauge;

loaded only with shot of size 4, 5, 6, 7, or 7 1/2.

(B) A bow and arrows, including crossbows as defined in 312 IAC 9-3-4(g), with the following restrictions:

(i) An individual must not use a:

(AA) long bow; or

(BB) compound bow;

of less than thirty-five (35) pounds pull.

(ii) Arrows must be equipped with metal or metal-edged (or flint, chert, or obsidian napped) broadheads.

(iii) An individual must not use a:

(AA) crossbow of less than one hundred twenty-five (125) pounds pull;

(BB) crossbow without a mechanical safety; or

(CC) poisoned or explosive arrow.

(iv) No portion of a bow's riser (handle) or:

(AA) track;

(BB) trough;

(CC) channel;

(DD) arrow rest; or

(EE) other device;

that attaches to the bow's riser shall contact, support, or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height.

(3) Hunt wild turkeys in the fall season that takes place during the deer muzzleloader season as established in 312 IAC 9-3-4(f) unless that individual wears hunter orange.

(4) Call wild turkeys for another individual unless licensed in accordance with subsection (j) or (k). The individual who calls the wild turkey may have already harvested a wild turkey.

(f) The special youth season for hunting wild turkeys under this subsection is two (2) consecutive days beginning on the Saturday immediately before the start of the spring turkey season established in subsection (a). As used in this subsection, "youth" means an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the hunt. A youth who hunts a wild turkey under this section must be accompanied by an adult who is at least eighteen (18) years of age. An adult accompanying a youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The seasonal limit for hunting wild turkeys under this subsection is one (1) bearded or male wild turkey. A youth hunter who takes a wild turkey under this subsection must not take another wild turkey during the spring turkey season in the same year.

- (g) An individual must not use or possess:
 - (1) a dog;
 - (2) another domesticated animal;
 - (3) a live decoy;
 - (4) a recorded call;
 - (5) an electronically powered or controlled decoy; or
 - (6) bait;

while hunting a wild turkey. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait, but an area is not considered to be baited that is attractive to wild turkeys resulting from normal agricultural practices.

(h) An individual ~~must not~~ **may** possess a handgun while hunting wild turkeys ~~or while accompanying the youth hunter during the season established in subsection (f) unless the individual possesses a handgun~~ in accordance with IC 35-47. ~~and:~~

- ~~(1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun issued under IC 35-47-2-3;~~
- ~~(2) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun recognized under IC 35-47-2-21(b);~~
- ~~or~~
- ~~(3) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2.~~

(i) Except as provided under IC 14-22-11-1 and IC 14-22-11-11, an individual must not hunt:

- (1) wild turkeys unless possessing a completed and signed license bearing the individual's name; or
- (2) with a wild turkey license issued to another individual.

(j) An individual may take a wild turkey during the spring season established under subsection (a) only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt wild turkeys with:
 - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b);
 - (B) a resident spring turkey license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(20);
 - (C) a nonresident spring turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(21);
 - (D) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
 - (E) a nonresident youth spring turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(27);
 - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
 - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
 - (H) an apprentice spring turkey hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting under IC 14-22-11-1.

(k) An individual may take a wild turkey during the fall season established under subsection (b) only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt wild turkeys with:
 - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b);

- (B) a resident fall turkey license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(22);
- (C) a nonresident fall turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(23);
- (D) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
- (E) a nonresident youth fall turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(28);
- (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (H) an apprentice fall turkey hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting under IC 14-22-11-1.

(l) Immediately after taking a wild turkey, an individual must attach a piece of paper to a leg of the turkey directly above the spur stating the following:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the turkey.
- (2) The license number (if applicable) of the individual who took the turkey.
- (3) The date the wild turkey was taken.
- (4) The sex of the wild turkey taken.

(m) An individual who takes a wild turkey must do **one (1) of** the following:

(1) Cause delivery of the wild turkey to an official turkey checking station within forty-eight (48) hours of taking **as follows:**

~~(2)~~ **(A)** Register the wild turkey in the name of the individual who took the wild turkey.

~~(3)~~ **(B)** Provide the check station with true and accurate information ~~including the name and license number of the individual who took the wild turkey and the date the wild turkey was taken.~~ **that includes the information on the piece of paper described in subsection (l).**

~~(4)~~ **(C)** Receive the permanent seal after the checking station operator:

~~(A)~~ **(i)** records the permanent seal number on the log; and

~~(B)~~ **(ii)** collects the piece of paper described in subsection (l).

~~(5)~~ **(D)** Immediately and firmly affix the seal to the leg of the wild turkey as follows:

~~(A)~~ **(i)** On the leg of a wild turkey for a wild turkey taken during the spring season.

~~(B)~~ **(ii)** Through a section of skin or flesh to prevent its removal (without cutting the seal or the body part to which it is affixed) for a wild turkey taken in the fall season.

The permanent seal must remain affixed until processing of the wild turkey begins.

(2) Cause the reporting of the take by providing true and accurate information required by the department's electronic harvest reporting system within forty-eight (48) hours of taking. The individual who took the wild turkey or the individual reporting the take of the turkey must record the department's electronic harvest confirmation number on the piece of paper described in subsection (l). This confirmation number must be maintained with the turkey until processing of the turkey begins.

(n) The permanent seal issued by the checking station or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number must be maintained with a wild turkey that is gifted to another individual until processing of the wild turkey begins.

~~(n)~~ **(o)** The official wild turkey checking station operator shall accurately and legibly complete all forms provided by the department and make those forms available to department personnel on request.

~~(o)~~ **(p)** The feathers and beard of a wild turkey must remain attached while the wild turkey is in transit from the site where taken.

~~(p)~~ **(q)** As used in this section, "bait" means to:

- (1) place;
- (2) expose;
- (3) deposit;
- (4) distribute; or
- (5) scatter;

grain, salt, or other feed to lure, attract, or entice a wild turkey to an area where a person may take the wild turkey. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-4-11; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2710; filed May 28, 1998, 5:14 p.m.: 21 IR 3715; filed Dec 26, 2001, 2:40 p.m.: 25 IR 1533; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 541; filed May 25, 2005, 10:15 a.m.: 28 IR 2946; filed Jun 23, 2006, 2:24 p.m.: 20060719-IR-312050214FRA; filed Jan 8, 2007, 9:11 a.m.: 20070207-IR-312060193FRA; filed Sep 6, 2007, 12:20 p.m.: 20071003-IR-312070023FRA; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA; filed Apr 3, 2009, 1:48 p.m.: 20090429-IR-312080740FRA; filed Mar 12, 2010, 1:28 p.m.: 20100407-IR-312090479FRA; filed Aug 27, 2010, 10:52 a.m.: 20100922-IR-312090984FRA*)